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TO:

Council Chair Ron Menor

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

2017 HSAC Travel Report

Kōloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū

2641 Poipu Road, Kōloa, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

June 16-22, 2017

2017 Hawaii State Association of Counties Annual Conference Kōloa Landing Resort at Poʻipū 2641 Poipu Road, Kōloa, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi June 16-22, 2017

The Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) is a non-profit organization that consists of elected officials representing the Counties of Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Maui and Honolulu. Members of HSAC work collectively as a group to coordinate County programs for the best interest of the people of the State of Hawai'i. This would include the creation of effective and efficient County legislation for introduction to the State Legislature and collaboration on general improvements in the conduct of County Government. HSAC also serves as a focal point of information in regards to all Counties for all Government Officials. Every year, members from each of the Counties meet at HSAC's annual conference.

This year's conference was hosted by the County of Kauai, County Council, and was held at the Koloa Landing Resort at Po'ipu in Koloa, Kauai, Hawai'i. The 2017 HSAC Conference on Kauai was a great opportunity to learn about the County of Kauai and the issues affecting the them as well as the other Neighbor island Counties and their views on possible solutions.

# **June 17, 2017**

Arrival in Kauai. Assisted with preparations for HSAC conference. CM Anderson met with HSAC Secretary Mel Rapoza, Staffer Brandon Mitsuda and myself, to discuss the upcoming conference agenda and meeting protocols. Preparation of seating arrangements, refreshments, collating and distribution of meeting materials for both HSAC meetings and the evening reception. The following agenda items were discussed:

#### **HSAC Executive Committee:**

- Treasurer's Report
- County Reports
- NACo Report; 2017 NACo Annual Conference, Franklin County, Ohio, July 21-24, 2017
- WIR Report
- Receipt of Senate Concurrent Resolution 77, requesting the establishment of a bona fide agricultural producer task force to create a definition for the term bona fide agricultural producer, which was adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives
- Maui County Council Resolution 17-90, adopted on June 2, 2017, approving nominees to the NACo and WIR Board of Directors
- Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-135, adopted on June 7, 2017, approving nominees to the NACo and WIR Board of Directors

- Hawaii County Council Resolution 225-17 adopted on June 7, 2017, approving nominees to the NACo and WIR Board of Directors
- April and May report from HSAC Lobbyist Michael P. Victorino on legislative updates
- 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts
- Scheduling the next meeting
  - o Proposed date: Monday, July 19, 2017 at Honolulu Hale

## HSAC General Membership meeting:

- Monthly Treasurer's Reports from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.
- The Executive Committee at its March 17, 2017 meeting approved HSAC's Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Operating Budget.
- The Executive Committee at its July 8, 2016 meeting approved the purchase of HSAC logo items for distribution to all HSAC members.
- The Executive Committee at its December 22, 2016 meeting approved the audit report for HSAC's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2016 as prepared by Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group.
- The Executive Committee at its December 22, 2016 meeting approved \$5,000 to be used as seed funding for the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference in Kauai.
- The Executive Committee at its January 17, 2017 meeting authorized Mel Rapozo and Aida Kawamura as signatories for the 2017 HSAC Conference bank account.
- The Executive Committee at its February 10, 2017 meeting approved Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura to the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- The Executive Committee at its April 24, 2017 meeting approved Ikaika Anderson and Arryl Kaneshiro to serve on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and Mike White and Dru Kanuha to serve on the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2018.
- The Executive Committee at its May 30, 2017 meeting approved an engagement letter from Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group to provide auditing services to HSAC for 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- The Executive Committee at its July 8, 2016 meeting approved the Financial Summary and Agreement for Services from Becker Communications, Inc., effective April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 to provide media and communication services to promote HSAC's lobbying efforts. The contract was extended by the Executive Committee at its December 22, 2016 meeting to January 31, 2017. It was further extended to May 2017 to cover the entire Legislative Session at the Executive Committee's January 17, 2017 meeting. Finally, the Executive Committee at its May 30, 2017 meeting extended the contract until June 30, 2018 and authorized Scott Ishikawa to attend the 2017 Annual Conference in Kauai.

- The 2017 HSAC Legislative Package:
- The Executive Committee at its February 10, 2017 meeting approved the hiring of Michael Victorino as HSAC Lobbyist at the cost of \$5,250.
- The Executive Committee received the following resolutions approving NACo and WIR Board of Directors for the term beginning July 1, 2017
- NACo Board of Directors
  - o Arryl Kaneshiro, Kauai County Council
  - o Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council
- WIR Board of Directors
  - o Mike White, Maui County Council
  - o Dru Kanuha, Hawaii County Council
- The Executive Committee received the following resolutions appointing HSAC representatives and alternates for the term beginning July 1, 2017.
  - o Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-87: Ikaika Anderson and Joey Manahan
  - o Kauai County Council Resolution 2017-26: Derek Kawakami and Ross Kagawa
  - o Maui County Council Resolution 17-66: Stacy Crivello and Riki Hokama
  - o Hawaii County Council Resolution 132-17: Dru Kanuha and Valerie Poindexter
- Consideration of an amendment to include the WIR Conference in Section 21 of the bylaws, to allow members of the Executive Committee to travel and attend the WIR Conference. The Executive Committee at its February 10, 2017 meeting approved the bylaw amendment.
- Consideration of an amendment to remove the rotation schedule of officers in Section 5 of the bylaws and allow the Executive Committee to consult among themselves and present a slate of officers for the councils' approval.
- Consideration of the proposed slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2018, as approved by the Executive Committee on April 24, 2017.

o President:

Dru Kanuha, Hawaii County Council

Valerie Poindexter (alternate)

o Vice President: Derek Kawakami, Kauai County Council

Ross Kagawa (alternate)

o Secretary Stacy Crivello, Maui County Council

Riki Hokama (alternate)

o Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council

Joey Manahan (alternate)

- 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts
- Discussion on the proposed 2018 HSAC Legislative Package timelines:
  - o September 8, 2017 Deadline to receive proposals from each county to be included in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package.

- o September 29, 2017 Deadline for the Executive Committee to forward the proposals to each county for consideration.
- November 30, 2017 Deadline for counties to approve the proposed 2018 HSAC Legislative Package.

# June 18, 2017

CM met with incoming HSAC President Dru Kanuha and Member Arryl Kaneshiro to assist with protocols regarding CM Kanuha assuming the presidency, to discuss HSAC bylaws and possible amendments. Assisted the CM in preparing Treasurer's report for the June 19 HSAC executive committee meeting.

Draft Treasurer's Report for May 2017:

HSAC started the month of May with a balance of \$176,480.66, and had subtractions of 12,418.52 and a deposit of \$544.92. HSAC ended the month of May with a balance of \$164,607.06.

# June 19, 2017

Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive and General Membership Meetings. Held in the in the Koloa Landing Grand Ballroom breakout room, each meeting was an opportunity for many of the HSAC members to ask questions and discuss strategies, particularly in working with the Hawaii State Legislature given the very challenging legislative sessions from past experience. It was a great event for the membership to brainstorm and to come up with strategies to utilize in the next legislative session in 2018. CM Anderson provided the Treasurer's reports and Honolulu City Council updates at the HSAC executive and general membership meetings. A summary of the conference panels, topics and speakers are as follows:

Council Chair Mel Rapozo opened the conference by discussing this year's theme: Pupukahi i Holomua, which means United in order to progress. To progress means to have forward or onward movement toward a destination. As we embark on this two-day conference, I encourage you to think about progress and what it means for our State and Counties. We are looking forward to hearing from our esteemed guest speakers, who will be speaking on a variety of topics, from discussing the needs of our millennial generation, connecting farming to the community, receiving updates on the medical marijuana dispensary program in the State, implications of real property tax measures at the State Legislature, and the outcome of the recent State Legislative session and happenings at Capitol Hill. We have a great lineup of speakers and look forward to having engaging and thought provoking discussions on all of the issues. My hope is that conferees will enjoy their time networking, exchanging ideas, and learning

something new as we ponder the big questions: What does progress mean for our counties and how do we get there?"

The Mayor of Kauai, Bernard Carvalho welcome us to Kauai and discussed what a great opportunity this was for county government officials from around the state to meet and engage in discussions based on the theme Pupukahi i Holomua: United in Order to Progress. Now more than ever, it is essential that we continue to pursue common goals in the spirit of collaboration. Through partnerships, resources can be shared and so much more can be accomplished as we convene to exchange ideas and develop plans for Hawaii's future.

HSAC President Stacy Crivello emphasized the strength and the direction of HSAC: As a united group, the counties continue to have a tremendous impact in generating positive outcomes for our respective communities throughout the State. Together we make a difference. This year's conference highlights include county government's continual response to the changing trends in agriculture and policy-making for future generations as well as exploring the business of growing marijuana as a productive agricultural crop. We've also scheduled a legislative forum to recap the hard lessons learned from this past legislative session and to begin the preparation and strategies for working with the legislature in 2018. We must remain united, resilient and focused in our efforts to close the gap between the counties and the State and remind them that we all serve the same constituency. Since 1959 the Hawaii State Association of Counties has proved a unified voice for the City and County of Honolulu and the counties of Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai at the State Capitol and through the National Association of Counties in Washington D.C. HSAC remains steadfast in its commitments and advocacy for the protection of our communities.

-CM provided the Treasurer's reports and the following Honolulu City Council updates at the HSAC executive and general membership meetings:

### <u>Update on Honolulu City Council Meetings</u>

- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 passed on Third Reading Bill 46, CD1: Relating to fees for use of municipal golf courses. (Amending the fees for the use of the City's golf courses.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 passed on Third Reading Bill 68 (2016) CD1: Relating to admission fees for the Honolulu Zoo. (Authorizing the Director Enterprise Services to set admission fees for the Honolulu Zoo.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 passed on Third Reading **Bill 10, CD1:** Relating to motor vehicle weight tax. (Increasing the motor vehicle weight tax.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 passed on Third Reading Bill 12, CD2: Relating to parking meters. (Amending the Traffic Code of

the City and County of Honolulu, as set forth in Chapter 15 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, to enable the City to adjust parking meter time limits and rates in accordance with supply and demand.)

- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 passed on Third Reading Bill 28, CD1: Relating to public transit. (Amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, to enable the City to amend the fare structure of TheBus and TheHandi-Van.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 passed on Third Reading Bill 30, CD1: Relating to erosion, sediment, and pollution control. (Establishing a regulatory framework for attaining compliance with permit requirements and creating a source of funding that is needed to offset the City's cost in implementing new requirements for erosion control and water quality protection.)

  The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 passed on Third Reading Bill 47: Relating to incentives for accessory dwelling units production. (Extending the repeal date of Section 2, Section 3, and Section 5 of Ordinance 16-19.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 adopted Resolution 17-145, CD 1: Requesting City and State officials to work collaboratively to establish a homeless task force with the goal of improving and better coordinating enforcement activities relating to unlawful encampments.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 adopted Resolution 17-135: Concurring with the Hawaii State Association of Counties nominations to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties and approving the Hawaii State Association of Counties nominations to the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2018.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on June 7, 2017 adopted Resolution 17-136, CD 1: Urging the City Administration to work with the State Administration and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop projects using City Affordable Housing Fund and State Rental Housing Revolving Fund monies.

#### <u>Update on Honolulu City Council Projects and Events</u>

- The Honolulu City Council recently hosted the Mayor of a town in Maryland Mr. Jeffery Slavin to a tour of Honolulu Hale at the surrounding Honolulu Civic Grounds with the hope of fostering closer ties between our two communities.
- Attended the HSAC Welcome Reception on the Event Lawn of the Koloa Landing that evening.

# June 20, 2017

Attendance and participation at HSAC Annual Conference panel discussions. A summary of the conference panels, topics and speakers for this day are as follows:

## **Panel 1 Food for Thought: Connecting Communities to Farming:**

Representatives from Hawaii Agricultural Foundation (HAF) discussed how to support and sustain Hawaii's agricultural industry by addressing the critical needs and services of farmers and the agricultural industry in Hawaii. We learned about their unique educational and outreach programs created to better connect farmers with the community. It was not just about having mindful eating, but being mindful in what you are eating and where it comes from.

Mufi Hannemann is President and CEO of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, the State's largest private sector tourism organization, with 700 members, including 168 lodging properties representing over 50,500 hotel rooms. Due to the various leadership positions Hannemann has held through the years in the hospitality industry both in private and public sectors, he is acknowledged as a champion of the State's #1 industry, whose involvement and opinion is highly sought. He has also been honored and citied for this tireless work in promoting and protecting all phases of the visitor industry from organizations, such as the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the NFL. The Waikiki Improvement Association, the Friends of Hanauma Bay, the University of Hawaii Travel Industry Management School and the JFK Institute of Politics at Harvard University. Hannemann was the 21st Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu. He took office in January 2005 and was reelected resoundingly to a second term that began in January 2009. He and his wife Gail Mukaihata Hannemann reside in Aiea, Hawaii. Hannemann writes a column, "Island Matters," for Midweek and hosts a couple of weekly radio shows on 107.9 Hawaii's Kool Gold and KNDI Radio 1270 AM.

Dean Okimoto is the chairman of the Hawai'i Agricultural Foundation and is chairman and president of Nalo Farms Inc. In 1991 Okimoto connected with Chuck Furuya and Roy Yamaguchi who supported Nalo Farms products in their restaurants, bringing notoriety to the quality of Nalo baby greens. Nalo farms now services over 90 restaurants on Oahu and Maui, four wholesalers, and four retail supermarkets. Okimoto's commitment to agriculture extends to the community where he serves on a number of boards including the University of Hawai'i Board of Advisors at Leeward Community College, Kapiolani Community College, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawai'i Seafood Council, City and County of Honolulu Ag Task Force and Board of Water Supply, Be My Voice Leadership Council, and Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce. He is the former president of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation and the founder of several farmers markets across Oahu. Okimoto graduated from Iolani High School in Honolulu in 1972 then continued his education at University of Redlands, in Redlands, CA earning a B.A. in Political Science.

Denise Hayashi Yamaguchi serves as the CEO and Founder of the Hawai'i Ag and Culinary Alliance (dba, Hawai'i Food and Wine Festival) and the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Agricultural Foundation. She has more than twenty four years of experience and has held executive positions with NCL America, Bishop Museum, Japanese Cultural Center, Hawai'i Foodbank and U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye's Office in Washington D.C. Prior to founding Denise Hayashi Consulting, Yamaguchi was the Director of Community Relations for NCL America where she directed community relations strategies for a new multi-billion dollar company entering the Hawai'i market. While working at the Bishop Museum, Yamaguchi was the youngest person to be appointed to an executive position in the history of the Museum as the Vice President of Corporate and Public Affairs. She also served in various executive roles at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i Foodbank. As a current board member on the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's board of directors, she has held various volunteer leadership roles with a number of nonprofits in the community.

## Panel 2 The Millennial Revolution: Creating Policy for the Generation Y:

The panel tried to answer the following questions: What are Millennials? Why are they so important? Where do we go from here? These are just some of the questions facing policy makers today. The purpose of this breakout session was for elected leaders and business leaders to talk story with some pretty awesome and fearless millennials. They hoped that participants gained an understanding of why there is such a buzz around the term "millennials", who they are, how they think, and what they foresee as the future needs to create communities that they want to live in. The panel was moderated by on the cusp Millennial/Generation Xer Planning Director Michael Dahilig.

Mike Dahilig, Moderator - has no idea why he's been the Planning Director since 2010, but he suspects it has something to do with the fact that he went to Punahou. You'll often see him and his belly painted green holding a 32 oz beer at Aloha Stadium during UH football games, a tradition that he picked up during his college and graduate studies at UH Manoa. His jaded outlook comes early in life thanks to being catfished by a Stevie Wonder concert promoter while a UH regent for eight years. He likes to call himself a lawyer but he only really did a judicial clerkship and a two year stint at the Kauai County Attorney's office, so don't buy his B.S. when he tries to pull that "Trust me. I'm an attorney," crap on you. He's happy to have inherited such landmark land use issues on Kauai like illegal vacation rentals, bee keeping, and hoarding, and is thankful of the legacy his work in these areas has indelibly left for the community.

Luke Evslin, Community Advocate – After graduating in 2007 from the University of Hawai'i, Luke, along with two partners, founded Kaumana Composites. The company quickly grew into Hawai'i's largest manufacturer of composite outrigger canoes. In addition to managing his company, Luke has worked as a substitute teacher, freelance author, and a columnist for Civil Beat. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in Public Administration from USC.

Tim Burr, Director of West Coast Public Policy – Timothy Burr Jr. is the Director of Public Policy for Lyft, a ridesharing company based out of San Francisco. Launched in 2012, Lyft now

operates in over 300 markets nationwide. Timothy is responsible for government relations and public policy for the Western States. Prior to joining Lyft Timothy served as Deputy District Attorney in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for six years and sits on the District Attorney's Legislative Committee. Timothy studied Public International Law at Magdalen College, Oxford. Timothy earned his B.A. from University of California, Davis in both Political Science and History, where he served as ASUCD Senate President and earned the Chancellor's Award for outstanding graduates. Timothy currently sits on the San Francisco Bar Association Barrister's Club Board of Directors, and serves as the Board's Diversity Director.

Juno Ann Apalla, Community Advocate – Juno Ann Apalla is an advocate for financial literacy and holistic health. She is a candidate in the University of Hawai'i Distance Learning Executive MBA, Healthcare Management program and a recipient of the Saltchuck Companies Scholarship. In 2016, she completed her first campaign for the Kauai County Council, representing the heart of the Millennial generation and a bridge for change. She serves her community through Zonta Club of Kauai as Treasurer Elect, the Kauai Filipino Chamber as a Director, and an original Charter member for the newly formed Kauai Filipino Chamber as a Director, and an original Charter member for the newly formed Kauai Lions Club. Her affirmation, "Find a purpose in life so big, it will challenge every capacity to beat your best.

Kaaina Hull, Deputy Planning Director – Kaaina Hull is the Deputy Director for the County of Kaua'i Department of Planning. He has an aversion to things that are yellow and kryptonite.

Brandon Elefante, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember – Councilmember Brandon Elefante is a life-long resident of the Pearl City and 'Aiea communities on O'ahu. He graduated from 'Aiea High School in 2004, going on to graduate from Saint Mary's College of California in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and business administration. Councilmember Elefante worked for Honolulu City Council Member Breene Harimoto before winning the vacant seat on the Honolulu City Council in 2014. Councilmember Elefante has worked on an supported numerous issues, including establishment of all-day bus fare passes, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in city and new residential buildings, complete streets laws, Honolulu's Age Friendly Cities Initiative, and more.

### Panel 3 The Future of Real Property Tax:

The State Legislature this year considered proposals that would use the counties' real property tax revenue to fund certain state programs such as Senate Bills 686 and 683. The House resolution (HCR 169) also proposed the study of transferring the authority to tax RPT back to the state. This panel allowed for discussion on the implications of such or similar measures to county operations. We tried to answer the question what are the possible outcomes, legal ramifications and unintended consequences of these proposals?

Gary Kurokawa is the current Chief of Staff on the Office of the Mayor for the City and County of Honolulu. Kurokawa, who currently serves as Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services has an established relationship with members of Honolulu City Council and

the Hawaii State Legislature and is well versed on Mayor Caldwell's priorities and initiatives for the City and County of Honolulu. Kurokawa has worked for the city's Department of Budget and Fiscal Services for the past 27 years, and for 16 of those years he was Administrator of the Real Property Assessment Division. He is a licensed Certified General Appraiser with extensive knowledge in government processes and management, was named Manager of the Year for the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services in 2008 and 1999, and has been instrumental in crafting the city's operating and capital improvement budgets over the past four years. Kurokawa graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology. Prior to joining the city, he was vice president of GK Appraisals, Inc. and worked in residential and commercial valuation for Uyetake and Associates.

Steve Hunt currently serves as the Real Property Tax Manager of the County of Kaua'i where he oversees both the Real Property Assessment and Collections Divisions. Hunt is a former Director of Finance who is widely credited with implementing a transparent budget process and establishing the structurally balanced budget framework for the County of Kaua'i. Hunt is an active member of Mayor Carvalho's policy committee, vacancy review committee, long-term finance planning and working group and budget team. He served as a Kaua'i County's appointed representative for the State-County Functions Working Group, tasked with reviewing public services provided by the State and Counties and make recommendations regarding the distribution of transient accommodations taxes. Hunt previously worked in banking, family wealth management, real estate development, and as an independent fee appraiser. Hunt's past community service involvement has included volunteer work with Rotary International, Boys and Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, Island School Board, Visitor Industry Charity Walk, and various youth sports organizations.

Scott Kazuo Teruya began working with a private appraisal firm in 1993 after graduating from the University of Hawaii with a bachelor's of Business Administration, majoring in Real Estate. He has been a Certified Residential Appraiser in the State of Hawaii since 1997 and was hired by the City and County of Honolulu as an appraiser in 1997. He soon transferred to Maui County in late 1997 and has been the Real Property Tax Division Administrator since 2007. He continued to work as a fee appraiser from 2001 to 2005. Scott oversees Maui County, four Island County, comprising of approximately 80,000 parcels. Gross assessments total approximately \$51.4 billion, generating approximately 40% of the County Budget. Scott has been active with the International Association of Assessing Officers where he has earned an Assessment Administration Specialist designation, selected IAAO Member of the year in 2014, and has served on the Chapters and Affiliates Committee for the past 4 years. He also helped establish the Hawai'i Chapter of the IAAO in 2013 and has served as its president for the past 4 years. Scott has been coaching youth baseball for over 20 years and has served on the Maui Bronco League board since 2008 and currently serves as its President. Scott is married to his wife Leina and has a 13 year old son, Kahiau. They reside in Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i.

Lisa K. Hahoopii Miura is currently the County of Hawaii's Real Property Tax Assistant Administrator. Prior to her current position, she held other positions with the County of Hawaii including Finance Department Deputy Director, Senior Valuation Analyst and GIS Coordinator.

She has been with the County of Hawai'i since 2002 and previously worked at Utah County in the Recorder's and Treasurer's offices. She began her career working in the Real Estate Appraiser's office in 1989 and was first licensed as an appraiser in 1993. Lisa received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and holds an active State of Hawaii Certified Residential Appraiser license. She was born in Hilo, raised in Kona and Kalapana and now resides in Waimea with her husband and three children.

#### **Luncheon Speaker:**

Howard Dicus worked in Washington D.C. for 20 years anchoring for three radio networks and covering Capitol Hill and two inaugurals. He moved full time to Hawaii at the end of 2000, working first for Pacific Business News and then for KGMB. For 17 years he's done business reports on Hawai'i Public Radio and for 10 years he's been a volunteer host on the classical channel doing a weekend show called "Howard's Day Off".

### **Panel 4 Legislative Forum:**

We found out what's been happening at Capitol Hill and the State Legislature. National Association of Counties Legislative Director Deborah Cox, Senate President Ron Kouchi, and Speaker of the House Scott Saiki brought us up-to-date with the happenings in Washington D.C. and the outcome of the 2017 Legislative Session.

Ron Kouchi, Senate President – has served as the Senate President of the Hawai'i State Legislature from 2015 to present. Kouchi's long career in Hawai'i politics began 34 years ago; he was first elected to serve on the Kaua'i County Council in 1983. He served 22 years as a Kaua'i County Councilmember, with 12 years as the Council Chair. In 2010, Kouchi was appointed by Governor Linda Lingle to fill the seventh senatorial district seat at the Hawai'i State Senate. Kouchi has been elected for each consecutive term since, serving as the Majority Caucus Leader, Senate Vice President, Ways and Means Committee Vice Chair and finally Senate President. Kouchi has served with a number of nonprofit and community organizations, including former director of the Kaua'i Visitors Bureau, the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, Kaua'I Veterans Memorial Hospital, YMCA, Wilcox Health Foundation and Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative. Raised on Kaua'i's west side, Kouchi graduated from Waimea High School and attended Drake University. Kouchi is married to the former Joy Tanimoto and they have two sons, Dan and Egan.

Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House – currently serves as the representative for the areas including McCully, Kaheka, Kakaako, and Downtown. During the 2017 Legislative Session, he was appointed to the leadership role of House Speaker. Speaker Saiki was born in Honolulu. He received his Bachelor of arts from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and his Juris Doctor from

the University of Hawai'i at the Manoa's William S. Richardson School of Law. In addition to being a State representative, Speaker Saiki currently practices law.

Deborah Cox, NACo Legislative Director – joined the National Association of Counties (NACo) in 2012 and currently serves as the Legislative Director. In this capacity she is responsible for the Legislative and Executive Branch outreach, advocacy for the association's legislative priorities, and policy development. Before joining NACo, Cox served as the Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs for the National Association of Development Organizations which represents the nation's local government-based regional planning and development organizations. Previously, she worked on Capitol Hill for Congressman Rodney Alexander from Louisiana. Prior to her time on the Hill, Cox worked for The Livingston Group (former House Appropriations Chairman Bob Livingston) and with the government relations firm Zeliff Enterprises (former Congressman Bill Zeliff).

## Panel 5 The Growing Business of Medical Marijuana:

The day that Act 241 was signed into law in July 2015, creating the launch of the State's Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program, was a game changer for medical marijuana stakeholders and the State of Hawai'i. Now that the licenses have been issued and the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program is underway, it was time to hear from those involved on how the program is progressing. This was a compelling panel discussion that included representatives from the State of Hawai'i, Department of Health, medical cannabis license recipient Lau Ola, third party quality assurance laboratory Steep Hill and the Kauai Police Department.

Dr. Donald Land – As one of the top experts on cannabis science in the United States, Dr. Donald Land is Chief Science Consultant to Steep Hill, where he provides his expertise in guiding the Science and Product Development teams. Dr. Land co-founded Halent Laboratory in 2010, merging Halent into Steep Hill in 2013, to unite the two leading cannabis science firms in the industry. Dr. Land received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine. His work at UC Irvine earned him an IBM Corporation Graduate Research Fellowship. Dr. Land became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry at UC Davis, where his research spans the fields of Forensic Science, Biotechnology and Sensor Development.

Richard Ha is the CEO of Lau Ola, one of the two recipients of the State of Hawaii's medical cannabis licenses on Hawai'i Island. Richard is the former owner of Hamakua Springs Country Farms, a 600-acre, fee-simple, diversified agricultural operation in Pepe'ekeo, Hawai'i. He is an advocate of sustainable farming for the benefit of the farm's employees, community and environment. Richard's farm was the first banana company in the world awarded the ECO-OK award by the Rainforest Alliance for Sustainable Farming award. He is president of the Hawai'i Island Energy Cooperative, a non-profit cooperative association formed by the community and business leaders on Hawai'i Island to explore the potential merits of a community-based, cooperative ownership structure for electric utility service on the Big Island. He is a member of the State Board of Agriculture and the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board. In 2011, he was honored as a University of Hawai'i distinguished graduate. He has been inducted into the

Shidler College of Business Hall of Honor and named Farmer of the Year by the State of Hawai'i.

Keith R. Ridley is the Chief of the Office of Health Care Assurance with the Hawai'i State Department of Health. He has overall management and operational responsibility for the licensure and Medicare certification survey inspection programs in Hawai'i including for all Medicare facilities throughout the state. His office is also responsible for Hawai'i's medical marijuana dispensary licensing program. Prior to joining the State in 2008, he was an independent healthcare consultant specializing in long-term planning and project management. His more than 30 years of management experience in Hawaii's healthcare field include being the Chief Executive Officer of a rural acute care hospital, a hospital department business manager, and the lead reimbursement contract negotiator for Hawai'i's Blue Cross Blue Shield insurer with all health care facilities. Keith is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) Hawai'i Chapter and served as its President in 2008 and as the HFMA Region 11 Regional Executive. Keith is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). He has a Master's in Business Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration from Hawai'i Pacific University in Honolulu.

Darryl Perry is the County of Kaua'i's seventh Chief of Police. Since 2007, Chief Perry has led a department of 209 officers and civilian staff. As a 33 year police veteran, he started his career as an officer with the Honolulu Police Department in 1972, where he served as Commander of the Juvenile Services, Narcotics/Vice and the Criminal Investigations division before retiring in 2002. Following his retirement, he worked as Chief of Security for First Hawaiian Bank, investigator with the State of Hawai'i Attorney General's Office and as an adjunct professor at Honolulu Community College in the Justice Administration program. Chief Perry earned a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix and holds a bachelor's degree in justice administration from Hawai'i Pacific University. Born and raised in Lawai, Chief is a graduate of Kaua'i High School.

# June 21, 2017

Met with Kauai County Mayor Bernard Carvalho to discuss at length the HSAC Conference, the HSAC 2018 legislative agenda, participation in the Hawaii Conference of Mayors, and particular measures of interest that died from the 2017 Legislative package:

- 1) SB 562 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY;
  Requires the Attorney General to defend any civil action against the county based on negligence, wrongful act, or omission of a county lifeguard for services at a designated state beach park under an agreement between the State and a county. (SB562 HD1)
- 2) SB 1183 all versions RELATING TO TAXATION; County Surcharge on State Tax

# City Council City and County of Honolulu

# **CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

June 27, 2017

Date:

Alan Texeira Traveler: Event; 2017 Hawaii State Association of Counties Annual Conference Poipu, Kauai , H1 Location From June 37, 2017 Dates Description **Amount** Notes: 1. Registration Fee 2. Airfare 3. Hotel 4. Meals 5. Ground Transportation 6. Tips fee 7. Other Manga. Other Other 8. Adjustment TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT 171.99

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment.

Signature of Taxeler

Date